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WOLVERINE/ NIGHTCRAWLER 1

MALE BONDING
Part 4 of 8
"YOU KNOW THAT WE DO IT TOGETHER"

Last issue, Nightcrawler witnessed the murder of a child whom he had saved years before. Now, he and Wolverine aim to find the child's killer–and avenge him!

Writer — SCOTT LOBDELL
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YOUNG GODS 9

AGAINST A ROGUE GOD
Part 4 of 9
"MALL MASSACRE"

Upon arriving in Ireland, Sea Witch, Caduceus, Highnote, and Moonstalker found themselves confronted by terrorists–and battled an earth monster...

Writers — CONWAY/FEIN
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Dear Terry,
Status Report #98:
1) Thank you!! The Wolverine storyline was more than I ever thought it would be. "Final Frontier" was the best story in the book with Todd Foxx's flowing illustrations and Timothy Truman's words. Many thanks also to Gary Kwapisz, Tom Smith and Michael Heisler for bringing us such a quality product. Is there any chance of the crew working on another MCP story? A+
2) What can I say about Werewolf by Night? Awesome. This story, though only eight pages, was the closest contender to any Wolvie story in a long time. I heard rumors that Marvel was going to give Werewolf his own series again. Is this true? A+
3) I liked the story overall, but how can Ghost Rider catch D'Spryte when he seems invisible to normal vision. I guess D'spryte is a demon that other demons can see. A
The Gladiator story brought up an emotion seldom explained in most comic villains: the feeling of regret. But actually, Gladiator is one villain I'd like to see go back to his old ways. B+
Please bring back Sam Kieth for another Wolverine story! I just can't stop reading his now-legendary "Blood Hungry" saga.

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Sam will be doing another Wolverine serial for us, Adam. You can look for it later this year—it's sure to be another winner!

Dear Terry,
Re, MCP #98
I didn't want to infringe on Len Biehl's grading system, so I made up my own. There are two categories of judgment. If I think it's good, I'll say it didn't make me hurl. If it's truly awful I'll say I hurled...
Dan Slott and Jimmy Palmiotti crafted a surprisingly good Spirit of Vengeance story. The scene where Dan (Ketch, not Slott) turns into the Ghost Rider rivals Tex's version. I didn't hurl.
Although I have never seen anything written by Scott Benson, I hope to see more of him in the future. The Gladiator story was very different from the stories usually presented in this book, and I appreciated that. It was a little wordy, but overall, it didn't make me hurl.
The ending to the Wolverine story was fantastic. About Tim Truman: You've gotta get more work from this guy. His version of Logan is much deeper than other writers' characterizations that seem to get by with adding "bub" and "flamin'" to the dialogue. Hey—that's three excellent Wolverine stories in a row that didn't make me hurl.
The Kaminski story featuring the Werewolf by Night was kind of pedestrian. I like the character well enough, but, as with many eight pagers, most writers find it hard to build strong characterizations. I hurled.

David Scott
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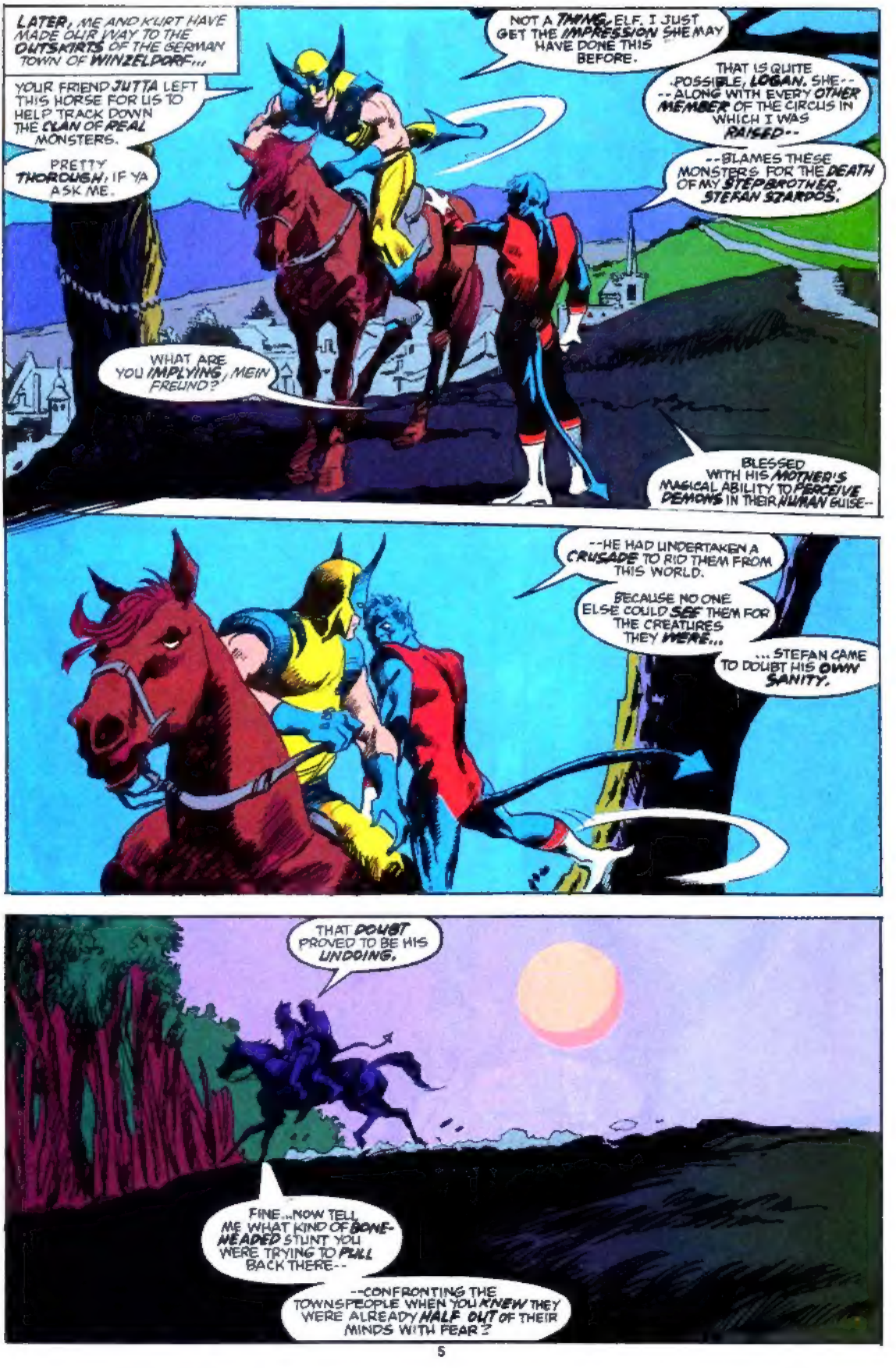
Ugh! You're getting us, uh, a little queasy, David. And who's gonna clean that up? Sorry, but we kind of prefer Len Biehl's method of grading—it's cleaner!. (Sorry for not getting to your letters, Len. We promise you'll be heard from again in two weeks!)

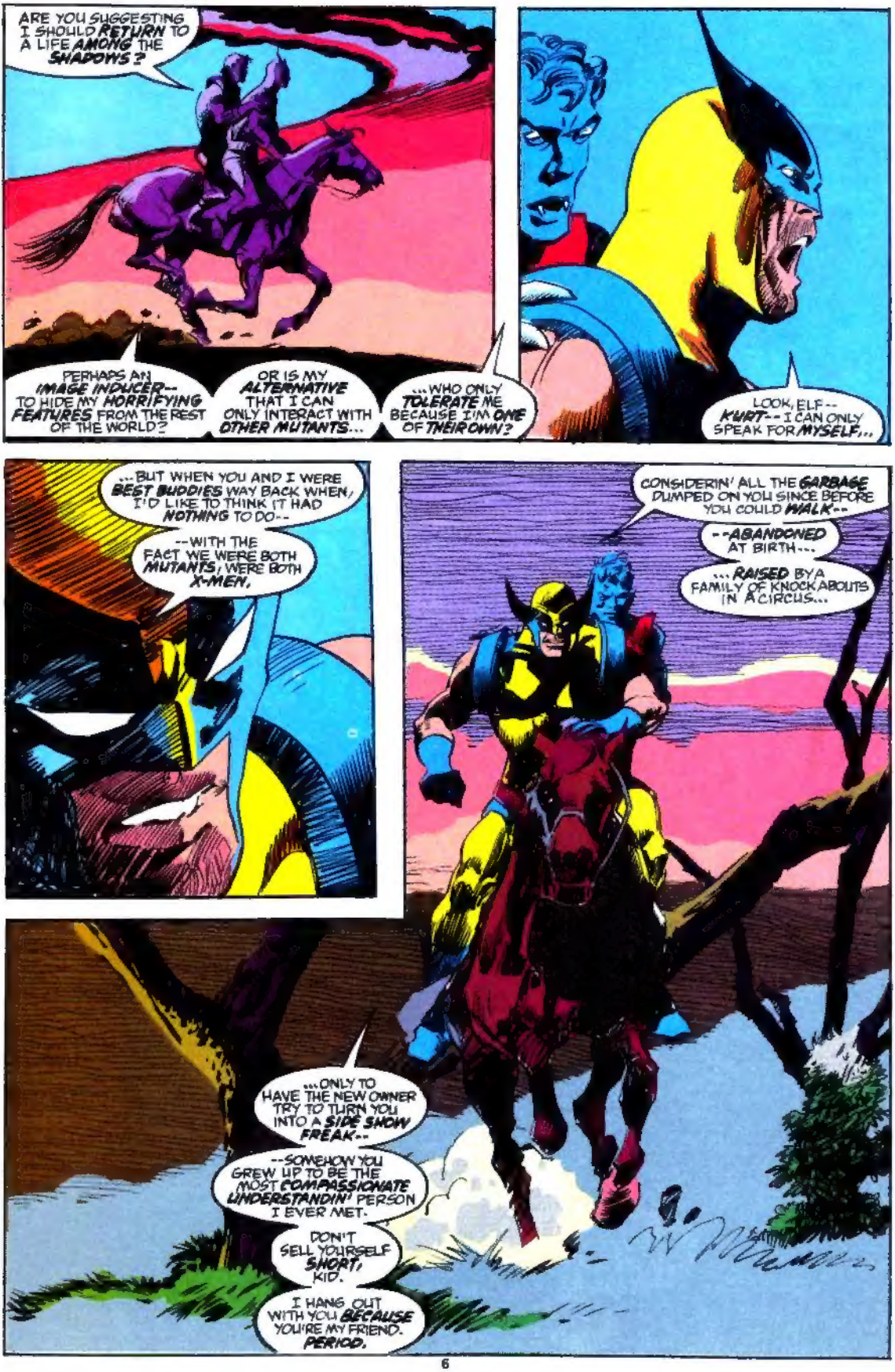
WE'VE GOT HIM NOW!
COME DOWN, MONSTER! COME DOWN OR WE'LL BURN YOU DOWN!
GO AWAY, YOU FOOLS! I HAVE DONE NOTHING!
WOLVERINE
NIGHTCRAWLER
YOU KNOW THAT WE DO IT TOGETHER
MALE BONDING
PART 4

NOTHING?!
ARE YOUR PAST CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY SO ATROCIOUS--THAT YOU FAIL TO COUNT THIS AMONGST THEM?!
THE MORTAL DISGUISE--THE EMPTY VESSEL--WHICH CLOAKED THE YOUNG MONSTER WHO SOUGHT MY AID.
THE POOR CREATURE IS DEAD NOW... KILLED BY ONE OF HIS OWN WHEN HE BETRAYED HIS BRETHREN TO ME.
THOUGH, HOW CAN I EXPLAIN THIS TO A FRENZIED MOB WHICH THIRSTS FOR BLOOD?
VERY WELL INDEED!
THWAMM
CHOK

YOU'RE UTTERLY MAD! YOUR THREAT WAS SERIOUS!
YOU'LL DESTROY YOUR ENTIRE VILLAGE TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT YOU DESTROY ME!
AND FOR WHAT REASON? I CAME AMONG YOU ONLY TO LEARN--
--YET ALL I'VE LEARNED THUS FAR ARE THE WAYS OF BLIND, UNREASONING VIOLENCE!
WELL, IF THAT IS ALL THAT YOU WHO DWELL IN THE "NORMAL" WORLD HAVE TO TEACH ME--
--I WILL SHOW YOU THAT I LEARN MY LESSONS WELL!
HOWLING WILDLY, KURT WAGNER--MY BUDDY NIGHTCRAWLER--PLUNGES THROUGH THE THICK OF THE MOB...
...UNTIL THE SHEER WEIGHT OF ITS NUMBERS CARRIES HIM DOWN!
WE HAVE HIM! WE HAVE HIM!
QUICKLY--BRING THE STAKE!

NOW, MONSTER-- WE WILL BE RID OF YOU!
NOW WE WILL...
SCRTCH
STOP.
AND, REMARKABLY...THEY DO!
OKAY, SO MAYBE NOT SO REMARKABLY.
THAT "HERO" IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A SERIES OF MURDERS THAT HAVE PLAGUED THE COUNTRY-SIDE FOR YEARS.
YOU KEEP ON BELIEVING THAT.
I MEAN-- WHO'S GONNA ARGUE WITH A HEAD-CASE FULL OF ADAMANTIUM?
BACK-OFF, HANS!
YA DON'T RECOGNIZE A HERO WHEN YA SEE ONE?
ELF, YOU UP TO A TELE-PORT?
JA!
BAMF


LATER, ME AND KURT HAVE MADE OUR WAY TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE GERMAN TOWN OF WINZELDORF...
YOUR FRIEND JUTTA LEFT THIS HORSE FOR US TO HELP TRACK DOWN THE CLAN OF REAL MONSTERS.
PRETTY THOROUGH, IF YA ASK ME.
WHAT ARE YOU IMPLYING, MEIN FREUND?
NOT A THING, ELF. I JUST GET THE IMPRESSION SHE MAY HAVE DONE THIS BEFORE.
THAT IS QUITE POSSIBLE, LOGAN. SHE-- --ALONG WITH EVERY OTHER MEMBER OF THE CIRCUS IN WHICH I WAS RAISED--
--BLAMES THESE MONSTERS FOR THE DEATH OF MY STEPBROTHER, STEFAN SZARDOS.
BLESSED WITH HIS MOTHER'S MAGICAL ABILITY TO PERCEIVE DEMONS IN THEIR HUMAN GUISE--
--HE HAD UNDERTAKEN A CRUSADE TO RID THEM FROM THIS WORLD.
BECAUSE NO ONE ELSE COULD SEE THEM FOR THE CREATURES THEY WERE...
... STEFAN CAME TO DOUBT HIS OWN SANITY.
THAT DOUBT PROVED TO BE HIS UNDOING.
FINE...NOW TELL ME WHAT KIND OF BONE-HEADED STUNT YOU WERE TRYING TO PULL BACK THERE--
--CONFRONTING THE TOWNSPEOPLE WHEN YOU KNEW THEY WERE ALREADY HALF OUT OF THEIR MINDS WITH FEAR?


ARE YOU SUGGESTING I SHOULD RETURN TO A LIFE AMONG THE SHADOWS?
PERHAPS AN IMAGE INDUCER-- TO HIDE MY HORRIFYING FEATURES FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD?
OR IS MY ALTERNATIVE THAT I CAN ONLY INTERACT WITH OTHER MUTANTS...
...WHO ONLY TOLERATE ME BECAUSE I'M ONE OF THEIR OWN?
LOOK, ELF-- KURT-- I CAN ONLY SPEAK FOR MYSELF...
...BUT WHEN YOU AND I WERE BEST BUDDIES WAY BACK WHEN, I'D LIKE TO THINK IT HAD NOTHING TO DO--
--WITH THE FACT WE WERE BOTH MUTANTS, WERE BOTH X-MEN.
CONSIDERIN' ALL THE GARBAGE DUMPED ON YOU SINCE BEFORE YOU COULD WALK--
--ABANDONED AT BIRTH...
...RAISED BY A FAMILY OF KNOCKABOUTS IN A CIRCUS...
...ONLY TO HAVE THE NEW OWNER TRY TO TURN YOU INTO A SIDE SHOW FREAK--
--SOMEHOW YOU GREW UP TO BE THE MOST COMPASSIONATE UNDERSTANDIN' PERSON I EVER MET.
DON'T SELL YOURSELF SHORT, KID.
I HANG OUT WITH YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE MY FRIEND. PERIOD.

WHICH LEADS TO MY NEXT QUESTION.
WHERE ARE THE REST OF YOUR BUDDIES?
WHERE'S EXCALIBUR?
FOR AN "OLD FRIEND" WHO HAS SPENT THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS LETTING ME BELIEVE YOU HAD DIED*--
--AND THEN NOT SO MUCH AS A "HA! JUST KIDDING!" WHEN YOUR RUSE WAS REVEALED--
--YOU ARE PRYING DEEPLY INTO AFFAIRS WHICH ARE, QUITE FRANKLY, NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
* SINCE UNCANNY X-MEN #226.--T.K.

FINE, NIGHT-CRAWLER.
YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT--
--I CAN RESPECT THAT.
Tug

WUMP

I'M SURPRISED.
EVEN A LITTLE CONCERNED.
BUT YOU'RE ENTITLED TO YOUR PRIVACY.
SO THAT'S HOW IT GOES.
WE RIDE IN SILENCE FOR ALMOST TWO HOURS...

...UNTIL I TRACK THE YOUNG MONSTER'S SCENT TO HIS HOME, SOMETIME JUST AFTER DAWN.
IT'S A SMALL FARMING COMMUNITY.
ACCORDING TO MY SENSES... EVERY ONE OF THOSE "FARMERS" IS A MONSTER HIDDEN IN A HUMAN SHELL.
THE SAME CREATURES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF MY STEPBROTHER.
WILL YOU HELP ME FINISH THE JOB HE STARTED SO LONG AGO?
SNIKT
YA HAVE TO ASK?
IT'LL BE LIKE SHOOTING FISH IN A BARREL...
CONTINUES NEXT ISSUE...

THE YOUNG GODS in
MALL MASSACRE
PART 4
AGAINST A ROGUE GOD
AT THE SAME TIME THAT I, SEA WITCH, AND MY TEAM OF YOUNG GODS WERE BATTLING THE EARTH MONSTER--
-- MINDSINGER, DAYDREAMER, HARVEST, AND GENII WERE INVESTIGATING THE TRI-COUNTY SHOPPING MALL IN CENTRAL BEND, WISCONSIN.
ONE OF THE THREE LOCATIONS WHERE WE DETECTED A GREAT EVIL AT WORK - A ROGUE GOD TAMPERING WITH THE FATE OF THE WORLD
THEY WOULD FIND THAT THEIR TIME AMONGST THE PEOPLE WOULD BE NO LESS TRAUMATIC THAN OURS...
THIS IS OBSCENE! EVERYONE IS IN SOME KIND OF SPENDING FRENZY! CAN'T THEY CONTROL THEMSELVES?
EASY, GREGOR. REMEMBER, YOU COME FROM A VERY DIFFERENT TIME. BESIDES, I THINK THIS IS NEAT.
EVERYTHING IS SO BRIGHT AND SHINY.
WHAT KIND OF A MIND WOULD DREAM UP A PLACE LIKE THIS?
SIMPLE HARVEST. ONE THAT RECOGNIZES THE POWER OF MONEY AND THE NEED FOR PEOPLE TO SPEND IT ALL THE TIME.
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GAMES
MARK
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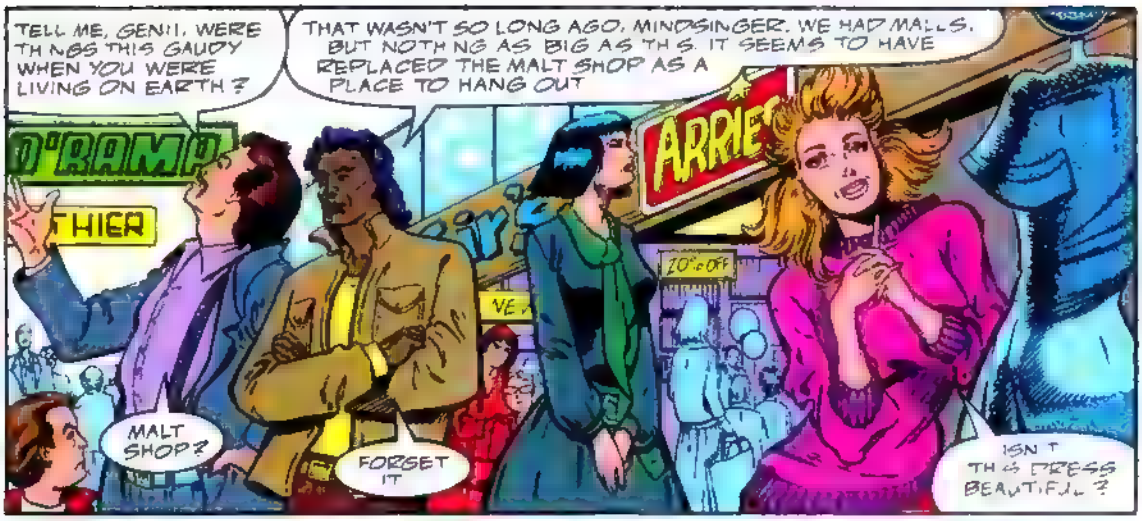
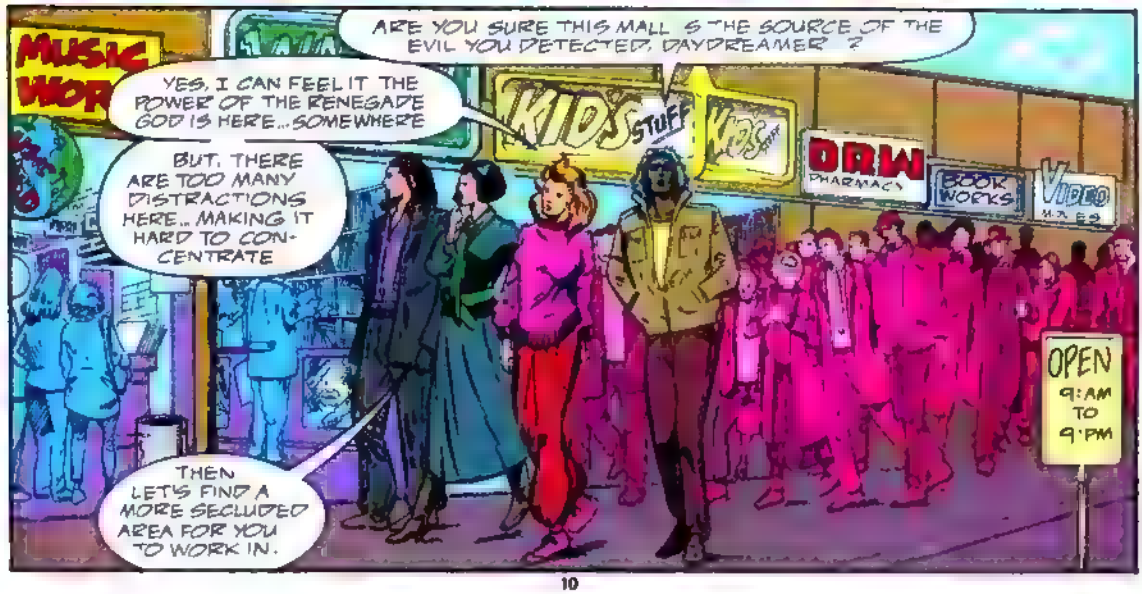

TELL ME, GENII, WERE THINGS THIS GAUDY WHEN YOU WERE LIVING ON EARTH?
THAT WASN'T SO LONG AGO, MINDSINGER. WE HAD MALLS, BUT NOTHING AS BIG AS THIS. IT SEEMS TO HAVE REPLACED THE MALT SHOP AS A PLACE TO HANG OUT
D'RAMP
THIER
ARRIET
10% OFF
MALT SHOP?
FORGET IT
ISN'T THIS DRESS BEAUTIFUL?

ON YOU IT WOULD BE, DAYDREAMER.
THEY WERE SO TAKEN WITH THEIR SURROUNDINGS THAT THEY DIDN'T NOTICE THE ANGRY STARES OF THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM
IF THEY DID, IT WOULD HAVE SAVED THEM MUCH PAIN.

DAYDREAMER AND HARVEST SEEM TO BE ENJOYING THEMSELVES
WE ARE WASTING OUR TIME. WE ARE HERE FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE...I SUGGEST WE GET ON WITH IT.
YOU'VE GOT A POINT, GREGOR


ARE YOU SURE THIS MALL IS THE SOURCE OF THE EVIL YOU DETECTED, DAYDREAMER?
YES, I CAN FEEL IT. THE POWER OF THE RENEGADE GOD IS HERE...SOMEWHERE
BUT, THERE ARE TOO MANY DISTRACTIONS HERE...MAKING IT HARD TO CONCENTRATE
THEN LET'S FIND A MORE SECLUDED AREA FOR YOU TO WORK IN.
KIDS STUFF
DRW PHARMACY
BOOK WORKS
VIDEO
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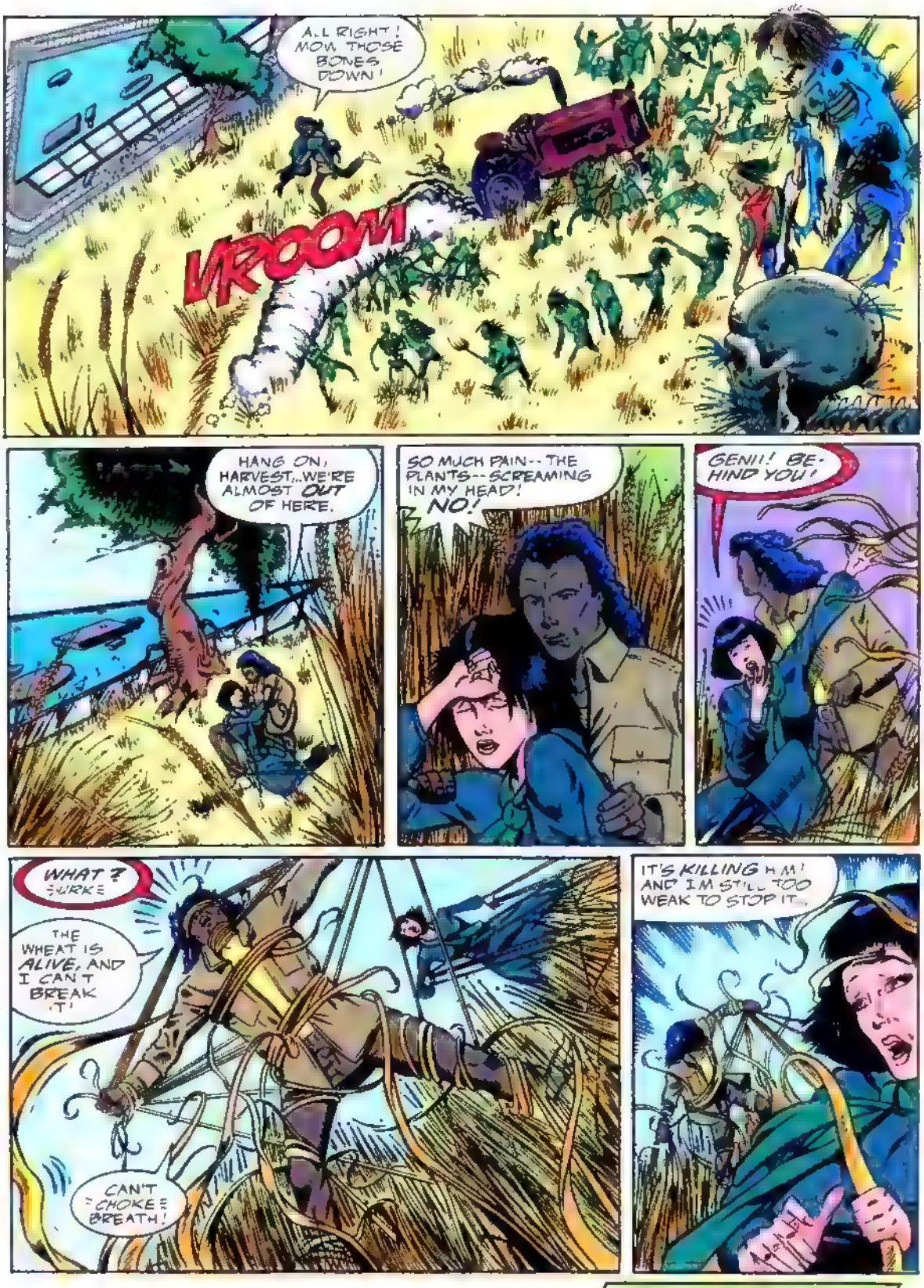
COME ON THIS STORE IS CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS IT SHOULD BE QUIET ENOUGH
GREGOR AND JASON CAN STAND GUARD.
STORE CLOSED
GOT TO RELAX..
LET MYSELF BECOME ENTRANCED WITH THE MANY PSYCHIC PLANES--
SUNGH! SO MUCH EVIL--HURTS--SO NEAR--TOO MUCH TO HANDLE--
NO!
OOOH
OOF!
WHOOM!
ARE YOU OKAY?
YES, JUST OVERWHELMED BY THE EVIL AT WORK HERE... IT IS VERY GREAT, BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, I CANNOT PINPOINT ITS LOCATION
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S IN HERE OR OUTSIDE.
THEN I SUGGEST WE SPLIT UP.
HARVEST AND I WILL CHECK OUT THE FIELDS AROUND THE MALL.. YOU AND MINDSINGER SNOOP AROUND HERE SOME MORE.
TY MALL
BE CAREFUL.
SAME GOES FOR YOU TWO.

TOO QUIET SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT HERE HARVEST CAN FEEL IT, TOO SHE'S SCARED BUT TRYING TO HIDE IT
UGH!
WHAT'S WRONG?
THE FIELDS-- POISONED WITH THE EVIL-- I CAN FEEL IT. AS A GODDESS OF AGRICULTURE I AM LINKED WITH THE EARTH
WHEN THE FIELDS ARE SICK, I EXPERIENCE THEIR PAIN.
EASY, TRY TO CATCH YOUR BREATH.
I'LL GET YOU OUT OF HERE-- OH NO!
AS GODS THEY HAVE TRAVELED FROM ONE SIDE OF THE GALAXY TO THE OTHER AND HAVE SEEN MANY ASTONISHING SIGHTS
BUT NOTHING COULD HAVE PREPARED GENJI AND HARVEST FOR THE HORROR THAT GREETED THEM
THE SOUND OF LONG-DEAD BONES RATTLING IN THE WIND?
THE STENCH OF ROTTED FLESH
THOUGH THEY ARE GODS IN TRAINING, THEY ARE FIRST AND FOREMOST PEOPLE. AND PEOPLE CAN DIE.

I DON'T LIKE THIS WHY ARE WE THE ONLY ONES IN THE COURT-YARD ?
ACE SWEEPER
SUPER VAC ! $999
BECAUSE EVERYONE ELSE IS BLOCKING ALL THE EXITS.
THEY'RE UNDER SOME KIND OF SPELL THERE'S "BLOOD" IN THEIR EYES
KMART
KILL!
KILL!
KILL!
L.L. RIPPER
AND WEAPONS IN THEIR HANDS, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN FOR A FIGHT
KILL!
REMEMBER, DON'T HURT THEM. THEY AREN'T RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS. IT'S THE ROGUE GOD'S EVIL THEY ARE REACTING TO
I WILL TREAT THEM WITH "KID GLOVES," AS GENII WOULD SAY... I THINK.

SO MUCH FOR MY ILLUSION OF STREET CLOTHES
THAT JACKET DISPLAYS MORE AN IDEA
THIS SHOULD DISABLE THEM WITHOUT CAUSING WITH PHYSICAL DAMAGE
THA-VROOM!
BY CREATING AN ILLUSION OF THE GROUND CAVING IN I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SLOW THEM DOWN
BUT WE'VE GOT TO TRY TO REASON WITH THEM
NO KATRINKA, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
I HAVE TO TRY!
KILL!
KILL!
KILL!
NO! PLEASE! LISTEN TO ME

TOO MANY OF THEM. CAN'T CONCENTRATE ON CREATING MY ILLUSIONS!
GREGOR! HELP ME!
KATRINKA!
THEY'RE GOING TO KILL HER.
GET AWAY FROM HER!
HUGHS DIDN'T EVEN SEE THEM COMING FROM THE SIDE AND NOW I'M PINNED
I HOPE GENII AND HARVEST ARE HAVING BETTER LUCK.
HOPE MINDSINGER AND DAYDREAMER ARE DOING BETTER THAN WE ARE
..OTHERWISE, I HAVE A FEELING OUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE "YOUNG GODS ROTARY CLUB" IS GOING TO BE REVOKED BUT GOOD.
THAT TRACTOR JUST MIGHT BE OUR TICKET OUT OF HERE!
I'VE GOT TO IMBUE IT WITH MY LIFE ENERGY TO ACTIVATE ITS MOTOR


ALRIGHT! MOW THOSE BONES DOWN!
VROOOM
HANG ON, HARVEST...WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF HERE.
SO MUCH PAIN-- THE PLANTS-- SCREAMING IN MY HEAD! NO!
GENII! BEHIND YOU!
WHAT? =URK=
THE WHEAT IS ALIVE, AND I CAN'T BREAK IT!
CAN'T =CHOKE= BREATH!
IT'S KILLING HIM! AND I'M STILL TOO WEAK TO STOP IT...

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Dear Terry,

Regarding issue #98:

Ghost Rider: A Ghost Rider story with a good dose of humor to go along with the action is always welcome. Palmiotti's ability to juggle the comical appearance of the D'Spirytes with Ghost Rider's hell-spawned terror demonstrates a true storyteller's ability. The transformation sequence was as visually strong as any by Tex himself. The inability of Dan Ketch to transform until someone has been hurt, or in this case killed, was also handled nicely. These eight pages almost made up for the lackluster Ghost Rider/Cable team-up.

Gladiator: A surprisingly good story with equally convincing art. Only Frank Miller could have delivered a Gladiator tale with the same degree of understanding and empathy for the character of Melvin Potter. The use of the psychiatrist visit was also a well-turned narrative device. Let's see more of Scott Benson!

Werewolf by Night: Len Kaminski delivered a solid script as always, and one which successfully harmonized the tone of the old Doug Moench Werewolf stories (I still remember saving my nickels to be scared out of my pants by them) with the new plot element of Russell's merged soul. The art by Hawbaker was very good as well, and showed an ability to convey changes in story tone and a great deal of details within the often limiting eight-page format. I'd love to see more Werewolf tales by Kaminski and Hawbaker. My one complaint is that the coloring lacked any subtlety.

Wolverine: I am a big fan of Tim Truman and own almost everything he has ever written or drawn. Sadly, this story has been among the most disappointing and has not been aided by Foxx's crude art or the substandard coloring job.

This issue was a good one overall, and the one-shot stories were of higher quality than I've come to expect in MCP. Keep them coming...

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Dear Terry,

Re: MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS #99

Ghost Rider: This was much better than the Cable/Ghost Rider serial. I love when Ghosty fights demons and beings from other dimensions. The art was great and the story was good as well. 2 1/2 Claws!

Spider-Man: It wasn't the best Spidey tale. The story was sort of light-hearted and funny, and I could tell what the outcome was going to be before I turned to the final page. The art was only average as well. But hey, thanks for bringing back the black costume—I for one have missed it! 2 Claws!

Wolverine: You guys took one of my favorite heroes and one of my favorite villains and put them into one story. What more can I say? The script was great and I love Jim Valentino's work on GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY. I can't wait till next issue—that was a real cliff-hanger. 3 Claws!

Puck: Finally, my favorite Alpha Flight member gets a story! Bring on a serial with either Puck and Sasquatch or Puck and Heather. Plus, I even learned some things I never knew about Puck. The art and story were great. I've never heard of either Joe Madureira or Paula Foye before, but I look forward to seeing both of their names in the future. Another 3 Claws!

Michael Guerra
(Address withheld by request)

What? You say you never heard of Paula or Joe? Well, after you're done reading this column, look a couple of inches to your right, and up a little... That's right, in this very issue, newcomer Paula Foye has teamed up with the hardest working man in comics to bring you a history-making event! As for Joe, you can see his work in the upcoming EXCALIBUR SPECIAL on sale this summer!

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GHOST RIDER/ DR. STRANGE..... 1

DOORWAY TO DARKNESS
Part 4 of 6
"INTO THE REALM OF GORN"

Previously, young Kevin Moran was forced into the Realm of Gorn by a frightening new horror–the demon called Pain!

Writer — HOWARD MACKIE
Penciler — RICK LEONARDI
Inker — JIMMY PALMIOTTI
Letterer — DUTRO/SHARPE
Colorist — ARIANE

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U.S. AGENT..... 9

"FIGHT THE RIGHT THING"

The U.S. Agent is a weapon for the U.S. government against all manner of bizarre threats. But what does he do when faced with the all-too-common threat of racism?

Plot —SCOTT LOBDELL
Script – PAULA FOYE
Penciler — PAUL ABRAMS
Inker — TIM TUOHY
Letterer — MICHAEL HIGGINS
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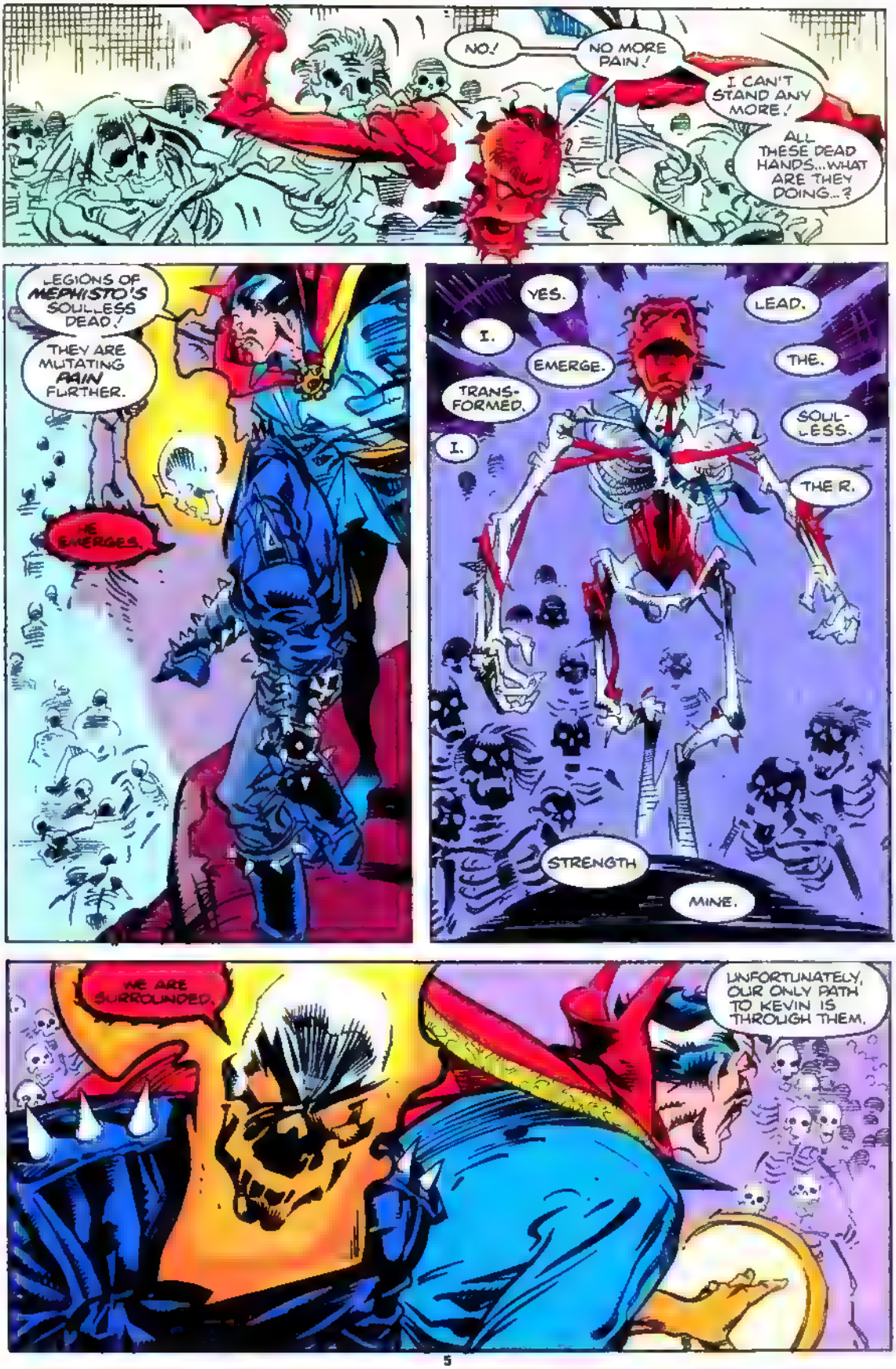
NEXT ISSUE: ACTION GALORE AS WOLVERINE AND NIGHTCRAWLER CONFRONT A VILLAGE OF MONSTERS! GHOST RIDER AND DR. STRANGE FACE TO FACE WITH GORN! THE YOUNG GODS CONTINUE TO UNRAVEL THE MYSTERY OF THE ROGUE GOD! PLUS, THE THING VENTURES INTO THE NEGATIVE ZONE!

DOORWAY TO DARKNESS
CHAPTER 4 OF 6
THE OTHER SIDE
CHOOSE, KEVIN!
WHICH WILL BE THE DOORWAY TO OUR FREEDOM?
CHOOSE ONE AND BORN WILL HAVE THE REST DISAPPEAR!
GHOST RIDER
DR. STRANGE

NO
NO MORE DOORS
I WON'T GO THROUGH ANY MORE DOORS.
ALL THE BAD THINGS HAPPEN WHEN I DO.
MOMMY! DADDY!
FIGHTING.
THE FIRE!
NO!
DADDY!
THE DOORS. GOT TO RUN... GOT TO...
NO MORE RUNNING, KEVIN. IT ISN'T THE DOORS...
...IT'S YOU!
ALL OF IT WAS YOUR FAULT!
DO THIS THING FOR ME AND I'LL MAKE IT ALL BETTER!

ELSEWHERE
WHERE ARE WE DOCTOR STRANGE?
WHERE ARE THE BOY AND HIS ABDUCTORS?
I AM NOT SURE YET
GIVE ME A SECOND TO GET MY BEARINGS. THERE IS SOMETHING ABOUT THIS REALM THAT SEEMS FAMILIAR...!
OH.
WE MUST MOVE, GHOST RIDER!
IF WE ARE TO FIND KEVIN AND RETURN HIM SAFELY, WE MUST DO SO QUICKLY...
...AND HOPE THAT I CAN SHIELD OUR PRESENCE HERE FROM THE LORD OF THE REALM.
FOR WE HAVE BEEN PULLED INTO THE REALM OF MEPHISTO!

I SENSE THAT MEPHISTO HAS NO INVOLVEMENT IN THIS MATTER.
FOR IF HE DID, WE WOULD NOT BE SO EASILY TRAVELING IN HIS REALM!
WE MUST FIND THE DEMONS SPIKE AND SLICK AND THEIR SERVANT.
THE ONE KNOWN AS PAIN.
ONLY THEY WILL GIVE US THE ANSWERS WE SEEK...
THERE!
YES! HERE WE ARE, SORCERER!
COME! I NEED TO PASS SOME OF MY AGONY ON TO YOU!
IN THE NAME OF GORN!
AN ADMIRABLE THOUGHT, EUGENE, BUT YOU CAN'T STAND AGAINST THEM AS YOU ARE!
WE'VE GOT TO PREVENT THEM FROM FINDING GORN AND THE BOY FOR AS LONG AS WE CAN!
TAKE A DIVE, EUGENE..
...LET'S SEE WHAT HELP WE CAN COME UP WITH!


NO!
NO MORE PAIN!
I CAN'T STAND ANY MORE!
ALL THESE DEAD HANDS...WHAT ARE THEY DOING...?
LEGIONS OF MEPHISTO'S SOULLESS DEAD!
THEY ARE MUTATING PAIN FURTHER.
HE EMERGES.
YES.
I.
EMERGE.
TRANS-FORMED.
I.
LEAD.
THE.
SOUL-LESS.
THE R.
STRENGTH
MINE.
WE ARE SURROUNDED.
UNFORTUNATELY, OUR ONLY PATH TO KEVIN IS THROUGH THEM.

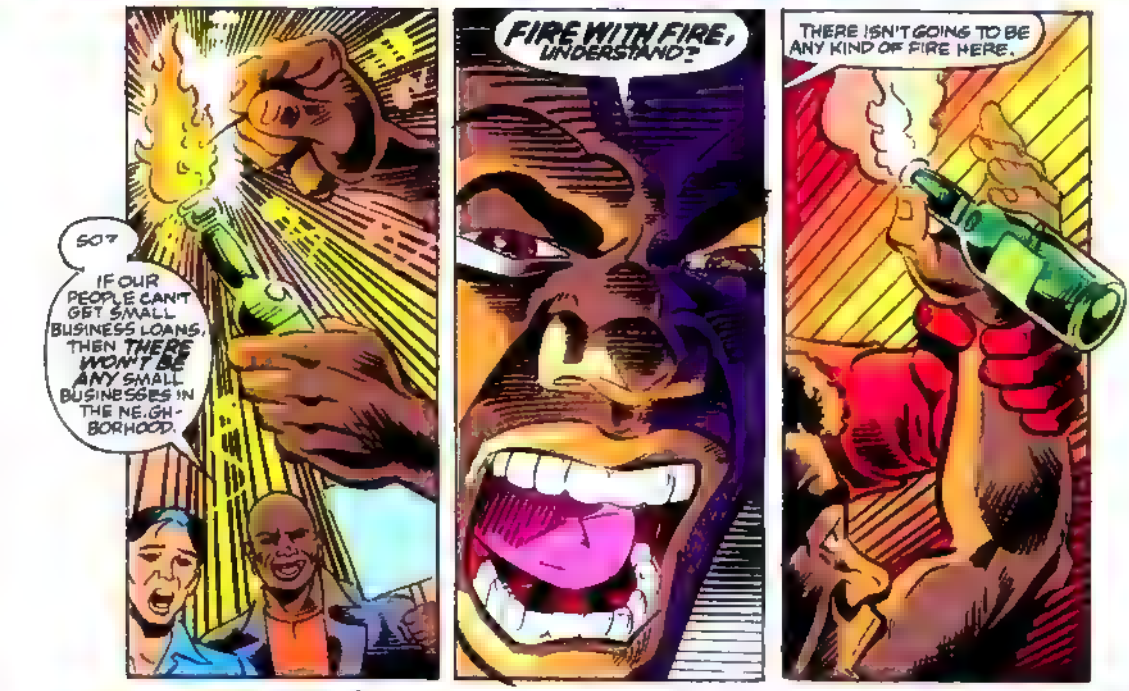
THEN WE SHALL FIGHT THE DEAD
AND SEE IF THEY ARE CAPABLE OF EXPERIENCING PAIN!
DADDY HELP ME.
YOUR FATHER WILL NOT HELP YOU, KEVIN.
IT IS HIS FAULT THAT YOU ARE SUFFERING.
YOUR MOTHER WANTED WHAT WAS RIGHT FOR YOU.
YOUR FATHER INTERFERED.
GIVE ME YOUR HAND, BOY. SHOW ME THE DOORWAY.
THEN I WILL SEE TO IT THAT YOU JOIN YOUR FATHER.

CHOOSE, BOY!
MOMMY! DADDY!
IT HAS TO BE THE BOY!
NO I WON'T LET YOU!
HE'S ALL THAT I HAVE... HE S--
ARRRGH!
A SECRET.
MY FAULT.
MOMMY SAID SO.
THAT S IT, BOY. GO THROUGH THE DOOR WAY!
NO.
HAVE TO RUN KEEP RUNNING.

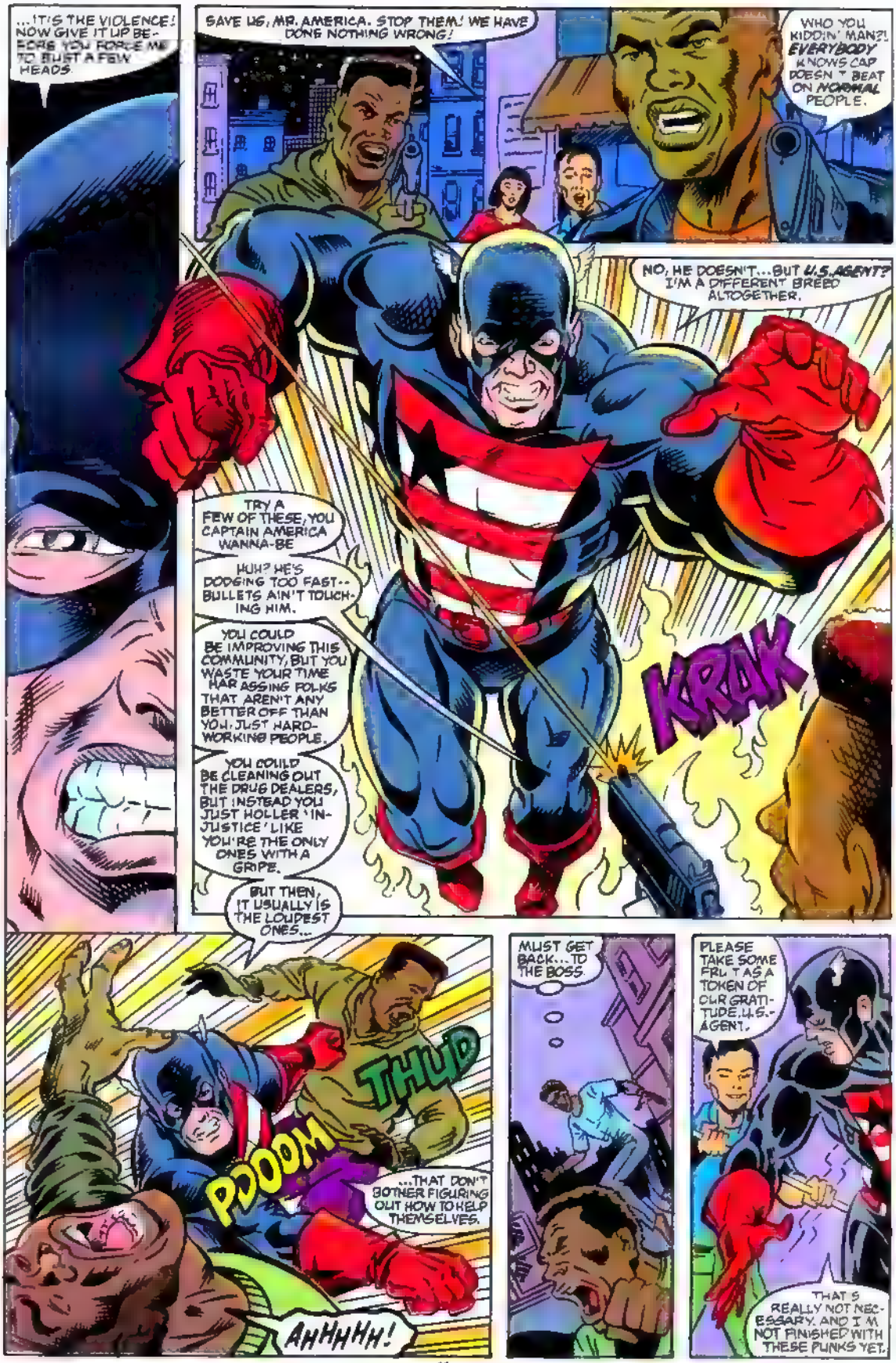
OOOF!
GORN
THE BOY WILL GO FREE
SORRY, BOSS
CONTINUES NEXT ISSUE...

FIGHT THE RIGHT THING
FEATURING U.S. AGENT
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK ..
GET BACK BACK! FOR HOW LONG WILL YOU CONTINUE TO TORMENT MY WIFE AND I.
THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG --LEAVE THEM ALONE. THEY HAVE AS MUCH RIGHT TO OWN A STORE AS ANYONE ELSE
PLEASE DON'T HURT US WE ARE NOT RICH DO WE LOOK LIKE WE HAVE ANY MORE THAN YOU?
EGGPLANT 90¢
BOYCOTT KOREAN STORES
AND JUSTICE FOR ALL
EQUAL
IF WE CAN'T OWN THE STORES OURSELVES, NO ONE'S GONNA OWN THEM.
WE DEMAND JUSTICE
THESE ARE OUR STREETS. YOU COME IN HERE, TAKE OUR BUSINESS. WE CAN'T EVEN GET A LOAN AROUND HERE -- LIKE WE'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH.
JUSTICE FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

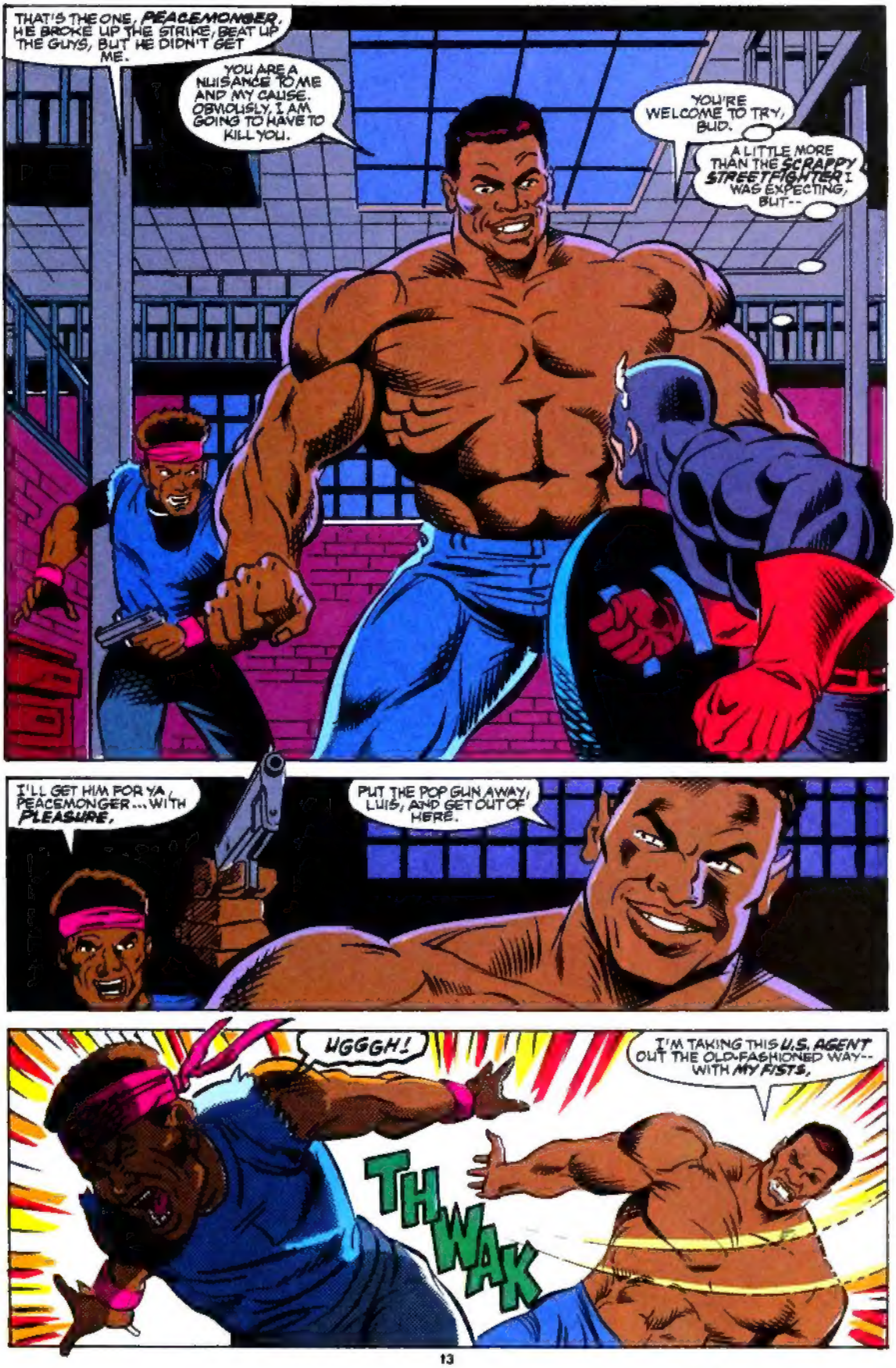
I HAVE A RIGHT TO OPEN MY STORE WHEREEVER I CHOOSE
EQUAL JUSTICE
YEAH AND WE HAVE THE RIGHT NOT TO BUY FROM YOU. IT'S YOU AND YOUR KIND THAT TAKE OUR STREETS. BUT WE'LL TAKE THEM BACK.
YEAH, BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY. WE WANT TO BUY FROM OUR BROTHERS, THE PEOPLE WHO'VE LIVED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD ALL THEIR LIVES AND NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO RUN THEIR OWN BUSINESS.
BUT THAT STORE HAD BEEN VACANT FOR MONTHS BEFORE THESE PEOPLE BOUGHT IT.


SO?
IF OUR PEOPLE CAN'T GET SMALL BUSINESS LOANS, THEN THERE WON'T BE ANY SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.
FIRE WITH FIRE, UNDERSTAND?
THERE ISN'T GOING TO BE ANY KIND OF FIRE HERE.

WOK
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR. THE REASON IS LOST. YOU'VE ALL BECOME THE WORST KIND OF BIGOTS, TAKING OUT YOUR FRUSTRATION AGAINST INNOCENT PEOPLE
IT ISN'T EVEN THE IGNORANCE AND STUPIDITY THAT BOTHERS ME. .


...IT'S THE VIOLENCE! NOW GIVE IT UP BEFORE YOU FORCE ME TO BUST A FEW HEADS.
SAVE US, MR. AMERICA. STOP THEM! WE HAVE DONE NOTHING WRONG!
WHO YOU KIDDIN' MAN?! EVERYBODY KNOWS CAP DOESN'T BEAT ON NORMAL PEOPLE.
NO, HE DOESN'T...BUT U.S. AGENT? I'M A DIFFERENT BREED ALTOGETHER.
TRY A FEW OF THESE, YOU CAPTAIN AMERICA WANNA-BE
HUH? HE'S DODGING TOO FAST--BULLETS AIN'T TOUCHING HIM.
YOU COULD BE IMPROVING THIS COMMUNITY, BUT YOU WASTE YOUR TIME HARASSING FOLKS THAT AREN'T ANY BETTER OFF THAN YOU. JUST HARD-WORKING PEOPLE.
YOU COULD BE CLEANING OUT THE DRUG DEALERS, BUT INSTEAD YOU JUST HOLLER 'INJUSTICE' LIKE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONES WITH A GRIPE.
BUT THEN, IT USUALLY IS THE LOUDEST ONES...
KRAK
THUD
PDOOM
...THAT DON'T BOTHER FIGURING OUT HOW TO HELP THEMSELVES.
AHHHHH!
MUST GET BACK...TO THE BOSS
PLEASE TAKE SOME FRUIT AS A TOKEN OF OUR GRATITUDE, U.S.-AGENT.
THAT'S REALLY NOT NECESSARY. AND I'M NOT FINISHED WITH THESE PUNKS YET.

HE DIDN'T SEE ME GET AWAY. I'VE GOT TIME TO WARN THE BIG GUY THAT U.S. AGENT BROKE UP OUR PARTY.
BOSS WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO NEXT. HE'S GOT THE PLAN. WE GOT THE HATE AND WE GOT A RIGHT TO HATE. THEY'VE KEPT US DOWN A LONG TIME. WE'RE NOT GONNA PUT UP WITH IT ANYMORE.
AN EMPTY WAREHOUSE... SOME KIND OF HIDEOUT. BUT FOR WHAT? FOR WHOM?
SKRASH
YOWW!
SURPRISE! THINK I'D FORGET YOU, PUNK?
HUH? U.S. AGENT?


THAT'S THE ONE, PEACEMONGER. HE BROKE UP THE STRIKE, BEAT UP THE GUYS, BUT HE DIDN'T GET ME.
YOU ARE A NUISANCE TO ME AND MY CAUSE. OBVIOUSLY, I AM GOING TO HAVE TO KILL YOU.
YOU'RE WELCOME TO TRY, BUD.
A LITTLE MORE THAN THE SCRAPPY STREETFIGHTER I WAS EXPECTING, BUT--
I'LL GET HIM FOR YA, PEACEMONGER... WITH PLEASURE.
PUT THE POP GUN AWAY, LUIS, AND GET OUT OF HERE.
UGGGH!
I'M TAKING THIS U.S. AGENT OUT THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY-- WITH MY FISTS.
THWAK

TRY A PIECE OF THIS, PEACEMONGER!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY FRISBEE, AGENT!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND-- DO YOU? I DRAW MY STRENGTH AND SPEED FROM THE RACIAL HATRED AND BILE FERMENTED ON THE STREETS OF THIS CITY!
I HAVE AN AGENDA, AND IT WILL BE FULFILLED.
DO YOU KNOW HOW CRAZY YOU SOUND? PEACE FROM DEATH. YOU'RE GONNA KILL OFF EVERYONE AND THEN THERE'LL BE PEACE? THAT WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?
SOON I WILL BE STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE ON ALL OF NEW YORK-- FORCING PEOPLE TO COME TOGETHER IN PEACE UNDER THE THREAT OF DEATH!
KRHOWW
I WILL USE THEIR HATRED-- AND IT WILL, IN THE END, BACKFIRE AGAINST THEM. IF SOME DIE-- IF MANY DIE-- IT WILL BE TO SERVE THE CAUSE. I WILL RULE AND THERE WILL BE STRUCTURE--A STRUCTURE WITH PEACE.
YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT INTO POLITICS?

LEFT YOURSELF WIDE OPEN FOR THIS.
I OFFER THEM ALL A CHANCE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW.
CRACK
YOU TAKE AWAY THEIR TOMORROWS BY MAKING THEM SQUANDER THEIR ENERGIES AND RESOURCES ON THINGS THAT DON'T MATTER.
YOU'RE JUST AN ANNOYING LITTLE FLY... ON THE WALL!
ARRRRR!
THUD
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT MY DRAWING ENERGY OUT OF A BUNCH OF PUNK KIDS.
BUT I THRIVE ON HATE, AGENT.
SO PERHAPS I'LL JUST DRAIN THE PSYCHIC HATRED YOU FEEL TOWARDS ME, INSTEAD...
...AND USE IT TO THROTTLE YOUR WORTHLESS NECK!
THAT'S WHERE YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG...

I MAY BE ARROGANT, AND SELF-RIGHTEOUS, AND A LITTLE OVERBEARING AT TIMES--
--BUT I'M ABOVE SOMETHING AS TRIVIAL AS HATE!
NOOOOO!
I HAVE A COUNTRY TO AID, AND, FRANKLY, I DON'T HAVE THE TIME OR ENERGY TO WASTE ON HATING YOU--OR ANYONE ELSE.
CAN WE DISCUSS THIS?
SURE! AFTER YOU WAKE UP!
POOM
JUST DON'T EXPECT ANY EASY ANSWERS--UNTIL YOU'RE PREPARED TO ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS!

THE END.